

Lieutenant Governor

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AGE: 44

PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks

SPOUSE’S NAME: Kevin Sund

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Olive

OCCUPATION: Attorney

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:
44 years (lifelong)

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Fairbanks (1978-2004); Anchorage (2004-2015); Juneau (2015-present)

EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School; University of Alaska Fairbanks (Bachelor of Arts, History, Magna Cum Laude); Willamette University College of Law (Juris Doctor)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development (2014-18); National Association of Government and Labor Officials; National Association of State Workforce Agencies; Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board; Municipality of Anchorage Salaries and Emoluments Commission.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Owner, Drygas Group LLC (2019-present); General Counsel, Alaska District Council of Laborers (2005-2014)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Cooking, fishing, kayaking, foraging for wild edibles, and lots of family time

STATEMENT:
Alaska is a land of immense opportunity. It’s why my parents came here and why I will always call this place home. We pride ourselves on our boldness, distinctiveness, and individuality. We often hear the phrase, “That may be how they do things Outside, but that’s not how we do it in Alaska.” It’s not a slight against our neighbors to the south so much as a sense of pride about our Alaskan ways.

Somewhere along the way, a significant number of our elected officials became preoccupied with the things Alaska can’t do, and they built entire political careers working to destroy important Alaskan institutions that took generations to build.

Bill Walker and I are focused on what Alaska can do. I’m running because I believe this renewed focus on our state’s potential will help create a bright future for my 4-year-old daughter, Olive, and for every Alaskan.

We can get our economy back on track and create good-paying jobs.

We can develop our workforce and attract the best and brightest from around the world by investing in education, from pre-K to our University, instead of watching our kids move Outside to find jobs and opportunities.

We can provide residents of rural and urban Alaska with a good education, public safety, and the infrastructure it takes to create opportunities.

We can balance the need to responsibly develop our natural resources while meaningfully confronting climate change.

We can embrace big, bold ideas again, and we will rebuild Alaska together.

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